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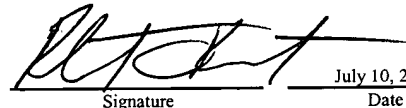
Title: Secure Access to Managed  
Network Objects using a  
Configurable Platform-  
Independent Gateway

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF APRIL 10, 2006**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of April 10, 2006, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.